മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: കൊച്ചികണയന്നൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ റോഡുകൾ വളരെ കുറവാണെന്നുള്ളതു ധരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I have already stated in the House that the length of the road in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk is very much less than that of the road in the Trichur Taluk.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: ജലമാർഗ്ഗമായിട്ടാണ് ഇവിടത്തെ ട്രാഫിക് അധികവും നടക്കുന്നതെന്നു അറിയാമൊ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: പാലാരിവട്ടം മുതൽ എറണാകുളംവരെയുള്ള റോഡിന്റെ വീതി വളരെ കുറവാണെന്നു അറിയാമോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Some of the roads are narrow.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: അതു മാത്രമായി വീതി കൂട്ടേണ്ട കാര്യം ആലോചിക്കുമോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Not only that. Several other roads require widening and we are taking action.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether the narrow roads in the Mattancheri bazaar have been widened as promised?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The proposal is under consideration.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to spend some money to improve the roads around Trichur within a radius of three miles?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: That will receive consideration.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether this ferry road is to be maintained by the Government or the Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): By the Municipality.

OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, ERNAKULAM—WATER SUPPLY TO

193. Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam Women)*: Will Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken to have continuous supply of water in the Ohpthalmic Hospital, Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

The present connection from the 9″ main is proposed to be substituted by a connection from the 12″ main. This is expected to relieve the scarcity.

HOSPITAL, VADAKKANCHERI—ATTENDANCE OF PATIENTS AND NUMBER OF BEDS IN

194. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the average daily attendance of the patients in the Vadakkancheri Hospital in each of the months in the year 1120;

(*b*) what is the total number of beds in the hospital?

Rao Sahib T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) Chingam 50·9
Kanni 53·8
Thulam 63·6

(*b*) 32.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Government will be pleased to do something to relieve the congestion in the inpatient ward?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: It was not very long ago that this dispensary with six beds was converted into a hospital with 32 beds. I admit that in spite of this there is a certain amount of congestion. A maternity ward will be constructed very soon, this will relieve the congestion to a certain extent. Further extensions, I am afraid, will not be possible just now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know when the Chief Medical Officer visited last time?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Has the hospital been visited by the Chief Medical Officer within the last three months?

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Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Has not the Hon'ble Member for Medicine been able to see very many patients lying exposed in the verandah of the hospital?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I have noticed that there are patients on the verandah. But that is nothing very unusual. Even in the General Hospital it is so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* There is provision only for 32 beds. That is why I stress this point.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I have already explained to this House, Sir, that Vadakkanchri Hospital has received considerable attention at the hands of the Government and it will certainly continue to receive the same attention. But it is not possible to extend the Vadakkancheri Hospital sufficiently to accommodate 62 patients. After the war when materials are available it may be possible. There are other difficulties also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is the difficulty, Sir, due to want of space for extension?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Partly that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What are the other causes, please?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Water supply. It is very difficult.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Hospital at the headquarters of the taluk can expect immediate attention at least after the war?

Mr. President: I don't think any member sitting on the Government Benches have the right to say as to what may happen after the war.

C. C. 126/119 OF TALAPPALLI MAGISTRATE'S COURT—DEPOSITION OF PROSECUTION WITNESS

195. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether the judgment in C. C. 126/119, Talappalli Magistrate's Court and the depositions of the Prosecution witness, *viz.*, the District Registrar Mr. P. G. Gopala Kurup and the Division Inspector of Police Mr. Innocent Pappali have been brought to their notice?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know how the case ended?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The accused was acquitted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the procecution witnesses, one a Division Inspector, and the other a District Registrar were both disbelieved by the trial court?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No. They were not disbelieved.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Then what is the ground of acquittal if it is not the non-belief of the prosecution witnesses?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The Magistrate in the preliminary trial found that there was a good prima facie case and framed charges. But in the final trial the accused was acquitted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is there not an observation in the judgment that the prosecution witnesses, could not be believed?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* There is mention regarding the District Registrar but not about the Division Inspector.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is there not an observation that the investigation conducted in the case was belated and was not satisfactory.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is not said that the investigation was not satisfactory.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Was any explanation for the belated enquiry taken from the investigating officer concerned.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The delay was due to the fact that the Division Inspector had to go to the spot from Trichur.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Member for Police was satisfied with this explanation of distance between the investigating spot and the headquarters of the investigating officer?

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